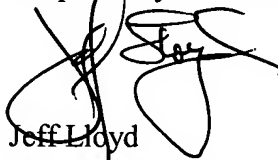


Remarks

Claims 1-44 were pending in the International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/21158, filed July 3, 2003. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 7 and cancelled claims 21 to 44 without prejudice. The amendments to the claims are intended to bring them into conformity with standard United States practice, correct typographical errors and are not intended to narrow the scope of the claimed invention. Applicant reserves the right to pursue cancelled claims in a continuation application. Upon entry and consideration of this Amendment, claims 1-20 will be before the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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